

The Jacksonville Beach Interoperability P-25 Compliant Radio System is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because upgrading Jacksonville Beach's law enforcement public safety communications to a digital system will enable the local law enforcement to better communicate in case of natural disasters and emergencies.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services—Law Enforcement Technology Account.

HELPING ACTIVE DUTY DEPLOYED ACT OF 2009

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 to help the brave men and women in our armed forces as they prepare for deployment or change of station. The Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD Act), would relieve military personnel who are deploying or changing station from onerous penalties that they currently incur for early termination of private contracts. It is unconscionable that the members of our armed forces who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom are charged early termination penalties when facing deployment or change of station.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a cell phone company to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. The 110th Congress provided that cellular telephone service entered into solely by the military member was not subject to an early termination penalty should the member receive change of station orders. However, many military members with families have more affordable family plans, and can still be charged early termination penalties. They are faced with two unpalatable options—continue to pay for a family plan they are no longer able to use, or pay an early termination penalty.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a landlord to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. Although the current Servicemember Civil Relief Act permits members to legally terminate a residential lease, it does not exempt them from early termination penalties. Conversely, existing law expressly prohibits early termination penalties for terminating a motor vehicle lease.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for institutions of higher education to retain the unused portion of tuition a member of the military was forced to forgo due to deployment or change of station. Military personnel should receive a tuition refund if they are deployed mid-semester. The 110th Congress passed the expanded GI Bill, expressing its support for our veterans. I cannot believe that we would implicitly discourage their education during their years of service for fear that their tuition expenses may be lost if they are called upon to actively serve their country. The HADD Act will fix this disparity.

Madam Speaker, the HADD Act has the endorsement of the Iraq and Afghanistan Vet-

erans of America and I will introduce a copy of their letter into the record. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting our men and women in uniform, and outlaw the practice of penalizing our military for their service to our country.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF
AMERICAN HADD ACT LETTER OF SUPPORT
(By Patrick Campbell)

MAY 8, 2009.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY,
*Cannon House Office Building, Washington,
DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CONNOLLY: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is proud to offer our support for the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD). The Servicemember Civil Relief Act must continue to be modernized to ensure that our men and women in uniform are focusing on their missions overseas and not bureaucratic morass back at home. Over 500,000 National Guard and Reservists have been deployed since 9/11 and nearly 1/5th of those are currently enrolled in college. Without federal protections these servicemembers who are deployed mid academic term face a patchwork of refund procedures which are confusing and inconsistent. HADD will require colleges to refund tuition paid by the servicemember for courses they could not complete due to a deployment. This legislation will also allow servicemembers who have cell phone contracts on a family plan to suspend their service while they are overseas. While I was in Iraq, I was required to pay a monthly fee to my cell phone provider in order to keep my cell phone contract current. I spent five hours of my first day back from Iraq in a Cingular Wireless store just trying to get my service restored. It took me over 7 months for the whole issue to get resolved and required filing a complaint to the FCC and switching service providers.

If we can be of help in securing passage of this bill, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

PATRICK CAMPBELL,
Chief Legislative Counsel.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Sam Houston State University Regional Crime Lab

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Requesting Entity: Sam Houston State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1803 Avenue I, Huntsville, TX 77341

Law enforcement agencies in rural communities experience long waits and backlogs

when requesting services from major cities like Houston. This request allows Sam Houston State University—one of the nation's foremost criminal justice universities—to use its expertise in forensic science to begin operations of the Regional Crime Laboratory started with funding I previously secured. This lab will provide important forensics services to local law enforcement such as identification of controlled substances, toxicology screening and finger print matching. The lab will be able to service communities in a 75-mile wide area.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to staff the SHSU Regional Crime Lab and make it operational for serving regional law enforcement agencies. Specific budget items include: capital outlays (54%); salaries and benefits for laboratory staff (37%); lab supplies (8%); and sub-contracts for staff training (1%).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Prosecuting Attorney, Elkhart County

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 South Main Street Suite 100; Elkhart, IN 46516

Description of Request: Elkhart County is the eye of the storm for the Midwest when it comes to methamphetamine. Federal financial assistance on this project will allow Elkhart County to advance a protocol to effectively address Mexican cartels and local meth lab manufacturers that can be used as a model for Any Town, U.S.A. By reducing and/or eliminating organized criminal drug enterprises, confidence in the wellbeing of the community can be restored.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Wayne

Address of Requesting Entity: One Main Street; Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Description of Request: As part of its initiative to identify and apprehend criminal suspects, the City of Fort Wayne will obtain and operate an Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Latent Palm Prints. This new equipment will allow the Fort Wayne Police Department to increase its ability to apprehend criminals and reduce the amount of time officers must spend in investigating crime scenes, testifying in court and filing police reports. Data gathered from around the country has shown that by adding palm print identification capabilities to an AFIS results in immediate positive identification of criminal suspects in 25% of cases. Better, more efficient identification methods will lead to more captures

and prosecutions of criminals, keeping taxpayers and their property safer.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Commerce, Justice, Science

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 to upgrade law enforcement equipment for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department. In their mission to protect the children of our community, the MDCPS Police Department has increasingly turned to new technologies. In 2005, laptop computers were purchased through grants and installed in officer's vehicles. These upgrades allow officers to decrease paper-based work by 80% and spend considerably more time at the public schools.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Venture Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 782 NW LeJeune Road, Suite 348, Miami, FL 33126

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 that will be used to provide economically disadvantaged young adults with the opportunities to obtain educational experience that will enhance their employment skills. The Youthbuild Outreach program complements high school education by providing on-site construction training to at-risk youth. Not only does Youthbuild Outreach help youth in distressed communities with needed skills, upon graduation the program assists in employment referrals and job placement. Local entrepreneurs will contribute to the program through the creation of mentoring and protégé relationships, including peer review groups. This community inclusive effort will benefit the Miami-Dade County and Broward County Public Schools, as well as local unemployment.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, COPS account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hialeah

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33010

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 to enhance the City of Hialeah police department's current radio system which does not allow for radio interoperability among other law enforcement agencies, especially important during times of statewide response to natural disasters, domestic security incidents or multi-agency jurisdictional public safety efforts. The XPS radio system would bridge the current gap and achieve interoperability with the State of Florida by replacing and upgrading fixed end, portable and mobile radio communication equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ARISE Foundation, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 824 US Hwy 1, Suite 240, North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Description of Request: I have secured \$550,000 which will be used to educate at-risk youth. Established in 1986, ARISE has trained over 5,800 certified life skills instructors who have gone on to teach over 4,000,000 documented hours of evidence-based life skills lessons. Specifically targeting high-risk youth, ARISE's goal is to stop the cycle of crime and violence while offenders are young enough to learn life lessons—and ultimately, to reduce rates of recidivism, drug abuse and violence while building skills to keep juveniles in school and out of harm's way. The ARISE Life Management Skills Lessons provide both training and program materials for teaching such lessons to incarcerated youth through interactive methods that help develop positive social and emotional skills needed to break the cycle of violence and crime that would otherwise doom many of today's juvenile offenders. Further, it provides demonstrable outcome measures on the value of expanding this statistically proven, award-winning, professionally managed intervention program.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Justice Assistance account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 to be used for the creation of a mortgage fraud task force (MFTF) national model to train law enforcement individuals in those identified communities which represent the ten highest concentrated areas affected by mortgage fraud. The Miami-Dade County MFTF will serve as a national model based on its proven performance. The national model will be coordinated by Miami-Dade County and administered by the United States Department of Justice. The anticipated benefits include a more effective process of dealing with and prosecuting mortgage fraud in Miami-Dade County and nationwide, and eventually, a decrease in the occurrence of mortgage fraud.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants for Internet Safety Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Village of Downers Grove

Address of Requesting Entity: 801 Burlington Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,000 to fund the implementation of four projects: the Bully Busters Program (4th grade), which focuses on how to handle bullies, including issues related to cyberbullying; the Home Alone Program (5th grade), which is designed for "latchkey" children and includes Internet safety; the Cyberbullying Program (7th grade), which was developed specifically for middle school students and focuses on the consequences of cyberbullying; and the Protecting Your Child From Predators Program, which is specifically for parents and includes a segment about keeping children safe from on-line threats.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE KING

Bill Number H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: DOJ, COPS Meth

Amount: \$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Family Services, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 515 East Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Description of Request: The requested funding will be used to continue the development of the Southwest Iowa Methamphetamine Treatment Program, which is a collaborative effort between Heartland Family Services, the Iowa Department of Human Services, the courts, and other social service agencies. It is a clinically managed residential service for substance abuse patients, using Heartland Family Service's established residential treatment and counseling facilities. The program offers women a residential treatment service, and at the same time allows them to continue